

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on March 14, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-11, renumbered as claims 1-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose or suggest the arrangement of structural limitations or the combination of structure set forth in applicant's claims. In particular, the prior art does not disclose or suggest a handle used with a glass door including two metallic connecting blocks respectively attached to end portions of a handle part. Each connecting block having a first end mounted to a corresponding one of the end portions, a second opposing end, a holding cavity formed in the first end and receiving the corresponding connecting end portion therein. A threaded hole formed in the second end and communicating with the holding cavity and two radially directed through holes formed adjacent the first end and aligned with a radial through hole formed end each of the end portions. The two radially directed through holes being in open communication with the holding cavity. Two securing members respectively extending through the aligned radially directed through holes in the connecting blocks and the end portions to securely attach the connecting blocks to the end portions. Two protective tubes respectively sleeved over the connecting blocks and two bolts screwed respectively into the threaded holes in the connecting blocks.

Yeh is considered the closest prior art. Yeh discloses a glass door handle assembly comprising at least one handle part (3, 4), each handle part having two folded ends, each formed with a connecting tail end portion (31, 41). A plurality of connecting blocks (50, 51), the connecting blocks formed with a holding cavity (513) at a first end thereof, a second opposing end, a threaded hole (512) formed in the second end and communicating with the holding cavity and two radially directed through holes (503) formed adjacent the first end. However, Yeh at the least, fails to disclose or suggest two radially directed through holes formed adjacent the first end

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of the connecting blocks and aligned with a radial through hole formed end each of the end portions as claimed. Further, two protective tubes respectively sleeved over the connecting blocks are not taught or suggested. Lastly, two securing members extending through the aligned radially directed through holes in the connecting blocks and the corresponding connecting tail end portions are not suggested as claimed.

None of the other prior art references whether taken alone or used in combination cure the deficiencies of Yeh. Thus, the prior art as a whole made of record does not disclose or suggest the structural arrangement or the combination of structure set forth in applicant's claims. As a result, the Examiner believes applicant's claims as presented are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and the general prior art pertaining to glass door handle assemblies.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre' L. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7067. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (9:30 am - 6 pm).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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